

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-18 have been amended. Claims 1-19 remain for further consideration. No new matter has been added.

The objections and rejections shall be taken up in the order presented in the Official Action.

1. The indication that applicant's amendments overcame the previous rejection is noted and appreciated.

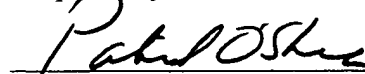
2. Claim 16 currently stands objected to. Claim 2 has been amended as suggested in the Official Action.

3-4. Claims 1-19 currently stand rejected for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter deemed to be the present invention. The claims have been amended to overcome this rejection.

For all the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-19 is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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